

The Honorable J. Richard Creatura

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

DARRYL WRIGHT,

Defendant.

No. CR14-5539 BHS

DECLARATION OF CHRIS RUCH

I, Chris Ruch, declare the following to be true and correct to the best of my ability under the penalty of perjury:

1. I live in Boise, Idaho.
2. I have been friends with Darryl Wright for approximately the past 25 years.
3. When Darryl lived in Boise, we saw each other all the time.
4. Since Darryl moved to Seattle a number of years ago, we have stayed in touch. We talk on the phone and text regularly, and we often (2-3 times per year) get together for lunch when Darryl is in Boise.
5. I have seen Darryl twice since his indictment. Each time we had lunch, and each time we both paid for our own lunches.

DECLARATION OF CHRIS RUCH (*Darryl Wright*;
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- 1 6. At the first lunch, Darryl told me that there was a proceeding against him, and that
2 agents may come to talk to me.
- 3 7. He did not give me any details about the proceeding. He told me that he just did not
4 want me to be blindsided if someone came to talk to me.
- 5 8. More importantly, Darryl did not ask me to not speak to the agents. Nor did he ask me
6 to say, or not say, anything in particular to the agents. He did not request anything of
7 me, either directly or implicitly. He certainly did not ask me to lie or to omit
8 information.
- 9 9. As I noted, I have been very good friends with Darryl for 25 years. I would know if he
10 was trying to get me to do something, even if he did not directly say so. I can say
11 unequivocally that this was not the case.
- 12 10. I did not feel manipulated, intimidated, or threatened in the slightest by anything that
13 Darryl did or said.
- 14 11. The second time I saw Darryl we did not discuss the case at all. Again, Darryl did not
15 communicate, explicitly or implicitly, any request that I do anything on his behalf.
16 Similarly, I did not feel manipulated, intimidated, or threatened in any way.
- 17 12. Over the last few months, I have communicated with Darryl by phone and text message.
18 None of these communications have touched on Darryl's case in any way.
- 19 13. No one has made any threats or promises of any sort to motivate me to submit this
20 declaration. Rather, I have reviewed the Government's motion regarding Mr. Wright's
21 release, and I believe that, at least as to me, it does not accurately portray the character of
22 my communications with Mr. Wright. I wanted to provide the Court an accurate
23 portrayal.
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2 SIGNED AND DATED this 17th day of July, 2015, at Boise, Idaho.
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served on the below-noted date, via the CM/ECF system, upon the parties required to be served in this action.

DATED this 17th day of July, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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s/ Christopher Black

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